# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
# LOK SABHA

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RE-STRUCTURING OF SEBs
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has issued instructions to State Governments to restructure their State Electricity Boards (SEBs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State Governments which have so far restructured their SEBs;

(d) the reasons for not restructuring their SEBs by the remaining States; and

(e) the corrective steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER ( SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE )

(a) & (b) : The Electricity Act, 2003 envisages reorganization of the State Electricity Boards (SEBs). Section 172 (a) of the Electricity Act, 2003 provides that the SEB shall be deemed to be the State Transmission Utility (STU) and a licensee under the provisions of the Act for a period of one year from the appointed date, that is 10th June, 2003. Section 172(a) further provides that the State Government may, by notification, authorise the SEB to continue to function as the STU or a licensee for such further period beyond the period of one year of the provisions of the Act coming into force, as may be mutually decided by the Central Government and the State Government.

(c): So far, 13 States have reorganized their SEBs. Ten States namely Orissa, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Delhi, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh have done so under their respective State Electricity Reforms Acts. Assam and Maharashtra have reorganized their SEBs under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003. West Bengal has notified the reorganization scheme to be effective from 1st April, 2007.

(d) : Eight States who have not yet reorganized their respective SEBs have been requesting the Central Government from time to time for some more time under the provisions of the Act for completing the reorganization.

(e) : The Union Government, after considering the request for extension and also the status of the reorganization of the concerned SEB, has been agreeing to the requests for continuation of the SEBs for the period considered appropriate.